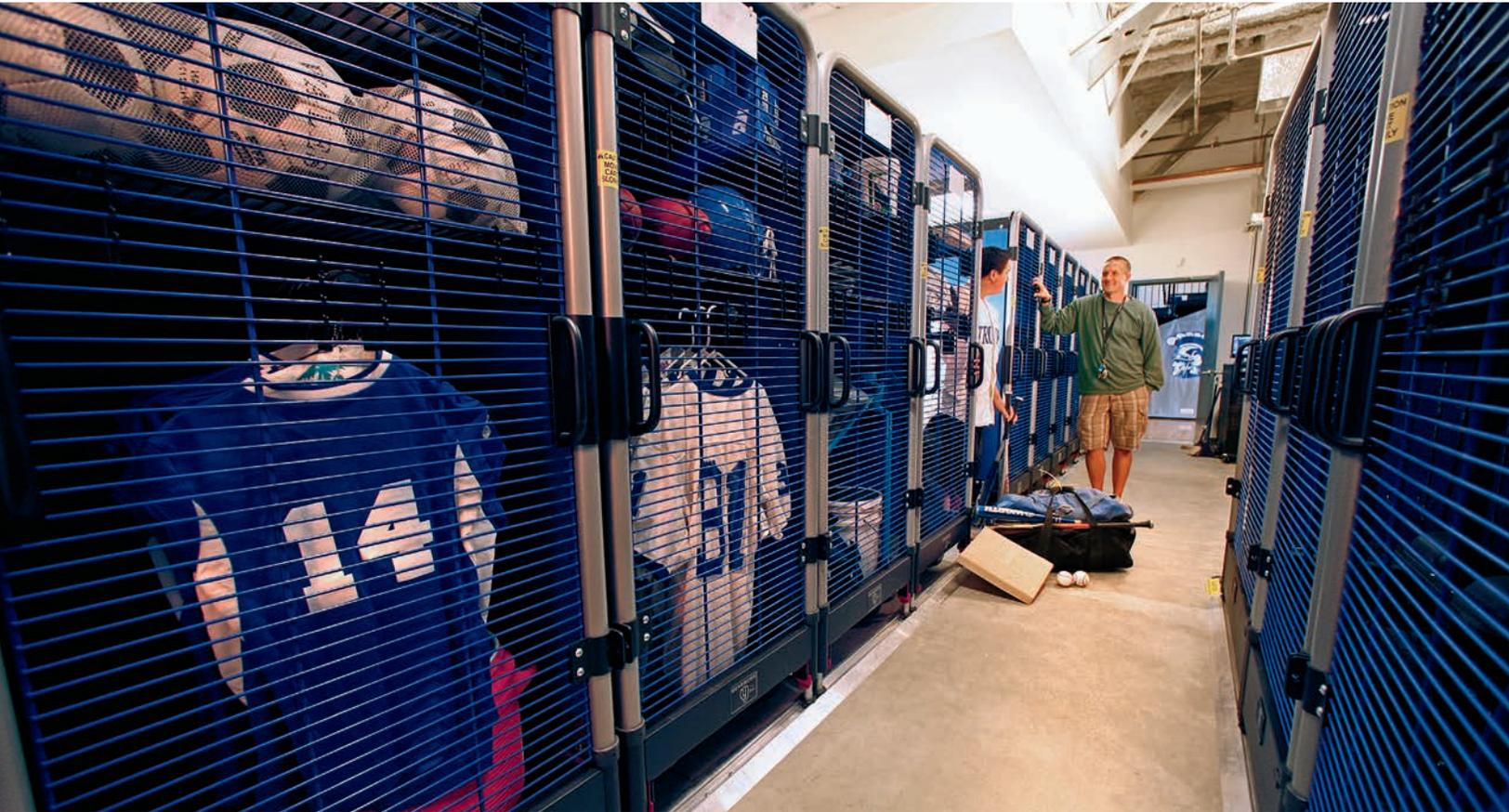


# LOWER LAKE HIGH SCHOOL, LOWER LAKE, CA

## PROJECT CASE STUDY



GEARBOSS® TEAM CARTS™ AND X-CARTS™

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Athletic Director



## CHALLENGE

Secure, mobile storage for large amount of athletic equipment in small space.

## WENGER SOLUTION

Designing system to fit equipment needs in available footprint. Recommending options and accessories to maximize system’s usefulness for multiple sports. Installing system in coordination with overall construction timeline.

## BENEFITS

- Centralized storage improves organization.
- Accessories customize carts to better suit helmets and pads
- Lockable carts enable multiple levels of security
- Adjustable shelves and garment bars provide flexibility
- Mobility offers improved utility inside and outside school
- Attractive design enhances aesthetics and program pride

## HIGHLIGHTS

“When I saw the GearBoss system, I thought it totally fit our needs,” says Marty Udy, athletic director at Lower Lake High School in Lower Lake, Calif. “Other storage systems were not really designed for athletic equipment but seemed more suited for a library.”

In the planning for the new school gym, which opened in January 2009, Udy wanted a mobile solution that would hold lots of equipment in a small space. At the previous facility, equipment was kept in a variety of different places – in cabinets, on the floor and on shelves. “It was hard to keep track of everything,” Udy recalls, who adds that approximately 200 of the school’s 750 students are involved in athletics.

Wenger evaluated the new storage room’s dimensions and the athletic program’s needs. “They came up with a system that fit exactly what we wanted,” comments Udy, who adds that the installed carts look almost identical to Wenger’s schematic plan.

With the GearBoss system, everything is now centralized together in one place, organized by team. Each sport has its own cart and Udy purchased engraved plates to label each one. “The GearBoss system is secure, mobile, and efficient with space,” Udy says. “Organizationally speaking, I don’t think you can ask for a better system than GearBoss.”

The four GearBoss carts dedicated to football are specifically outfitted to hold helmets and shoulder pads, with GearBoss helmet hangers and shoulder pad stackers. The stackers fit inside carts or function independently as portable options with heavy-duty wheels. An attic provides additional capacity for helmets, enabling up to 150 helmets to be stored in a footprint measuring 48" w x 6'6" l x 8'9" h (122 cm x 198 cm x 267 cm).

“I like how GearBoss shelves and garment bars can be easily adjusted,” adds Udy. “It’s nice to have our team clothing like jerseys hung up, rather than stacked, because this will better preserve them.”

With the portability of the Team Carts, Udy says each coach has the flexibility and luxury to decide how and where to issue equipment. A basketball coach might wheel his cart to the gym; another coach may want to keep everything in the equipment room and only access it herself.

Security is another advantage of this system and Udy appreciates the ability to lock carts securely. He assigned a combination lock to each cart, with only that specific coach and Udy sharing the combination. The equipment room is also locked and only select people have keys. “I like the confidence of knowing that everything’s totally locked up and safe,” explains Udy. “Coaches appreciate the peace of mind knowing that their gear is secure.” He adds that the equipment room is primarily for out-of-season storage, not intended for everyday access. The total value of equipment stored exceeds \$30,000.



GEARBOSS® TEAM CART

Finally, Udy praises the system’s handsome appearance. “The GearBoss system looks very good, like something you’d see in a college athletic facility.” He concludes, “I believe our GearBoss system will save our high school money in the long run because of better organization, security and mobility.”

(Note: Marty Udy served 10 years as Lower Lake Athletic Director until June 2009.)

## PRODUCT LIST

GearBoss® high-density storage system, including 13 Team Carts™ 2 X-Carts™, attic, helmet hangers and shoulder pad stackers.